

## **6 FAM 1530 ASSIGNMENT OF INTERPRETERS TO OFFICIAL VISITS AND HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS**

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## **6 FAM 1531 OFFICIAL INTERPRETING ARRANGEMENTS**

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*(State Only)*

- a. Arrangements for any *Department or Foreign Service* personnel, or employees of other *U.S.* Government agencies, to serve as official interpreters for visits or high-level meetings will be made by the Office of Language Services (A/OPR/LS). *The Office of Language Services consults* with other pertinent areas of the Department involved in the event such as the Office of *the Chief of Protocol (S/CPR)*, the *Executive Secretariat (S/ES)*, or geographic bureaus.
- b. The Office of Language Services may assign interpreters from its own staff or roster of private contractors or arrange for the detail of qualified Foreign Service or *Department* officers, or officers from other agencies. *A/OPR/LS* ascertains that assigned officers or contractors possess the necessary qualifications and interpreting aptitude.

## **6 FAM 1532 NOTIFICATION OF *THE* *INTERPRETING DIVISION (A/OPR/LS/I)***

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*Department* officers who are responsible for arrangements for meetings of the Secretary or the Secretary's designated representatives with ranking foreign officials shall inform the Chief of the Interpreting Division *(A/OPR/LS/I)* of anticipated interpreting needs as soon as possible. Timely notification to the Office of Language Services *is required* to assure *that* adequate language support *staff personnel are available*. Nonprofessional/*contract* interpreters may be assigned if the interpreting

requirement is not known early enough *or if it is a language not spoken by staff personnel*.

## **6 FAM 1533 INTERPRETER ASSIGNMENTS BY POSTS ABROAD**

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All U.S. missions, *embassies and consulates* shall consult with the *Interpreting Division*, Office of Language Services (*A/OPR/LS/I*), before making any interpreter assignments for high-ranking U.S. visitors, formal negotiations, or major official events.

## **6 FAM 1534 THROUGH 1539 UNASSIGNED**